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# N. R. P. A.

### **EDITORIAL NOTES**

Express messengers ought to be care ful when shooting highwaymen. They will keep on until they kill a stockholder or director in the company.

Col. Fairbrother, late of the Durham Globe, has started his Daily Earth at Lynchburg. It is a live paper, and, he says, truthful and unbought. We wish all such enterprises success.

York county, S. C., has seven murder trials on her court docket. 'That is proof that the "best element in the State opposes Tillman." The persons so charged are said to be anti-Tillman

of the Granville County Reformer. It is a lively paper and merits the support of true reformers. The publishers, | ting them every day. Millions reduced Messrs. Brown and Dalby, are in the middle of the road and will stay there.

We notice that "urgency deficiency" bills always get prompt attention in They tell us that panics come and go; Washington, If Congress will appropriate 35 cents to clean out obstructions in Contentnea Creek, N. C., and justing themselves to changed condiadjourn sine die, we will guarantee tions, submitting like dogs under the them a big jollification.

Don't forget April 28th. Take your family and neighbors out to the Alliance meeting. Make it a grand day for the Order and the special object the meetings are held for. Remember your State organ and put in some strong licks for reform by getting more read ers for it.

An Atlanta negro attempted to steal a cotton compress in that city recently. He had carried away parts of the engine and other machinery before he was caught by a detective. His idea was to set up a machine shop, and parts of the compress were needed in is too good a Democrat to endorse his business.

list every week. Yours may be next. If you think you can afford to do without the paper, all right. If not then come down with the needful. We mean business.

The Gravesend registration books contained the names of 6,700 voters. The actual voting population is about 1.700. It is gratifying to know that McKane and several other "prominent" Democrats are in the New York peni tentiary, while a still larger number are fugitives from justice.

We thought Sherman was their ideal of all that is great and good. The Atlanta Journal says: John Sherman is cost \$400,000, and more than paid for not one half so dangerous an enemy of itself during the World's Fair last year, the Wilson bill as the tricky Democrats | The wheel contains thirty-six cars, in the Senate who are scheming for its each larger than an ordinary railroad Postoffice Department, defeat, and we have a great deal more

The Coroner's jury investigated the on the wheel for one revolution. At Darlington riot and returned what is New York it will go round twice for considered a just verdict and the proper | the same price. It will be set up near punishment will be meted out, Till- the center of the city. anan has disbanded the State troops who failed to respond when called and the structed at Antwerp for the great ex-

DANGEROUS FINANCIAL THE-ORIES.

A large number of the financial, or rather political, doctors assert that periodical panies are unavoidable and very nearly unexplainable. Not a few contend that all countries are subject to panics and refer us to past history for proof as to the correctness of their views. It all appears to be true as gospel. Unless we go below the (often smooth) surface of this tissue of error we are liable to fall into their way of thinking, their way of explaining away truth with falsehood.

There are no genuine causes for these periodical panics that have shaken the very foundations of the universe in all parts of the world in the past eighteen hundred years. The plutocratic element are at the bottom of every panic, and they have something important on hand whenever they give the signal for the work of destruction to go forward briskly. Human greed is the incentive, and the cupidity of the masses makes it possible for the plutocrats to succeed easily. When we say the masses we do not mean one or two classes, but include farmers, mechanics, merchants and all the professions, for they are all he made enemies. He was human made the scapegoats of plutocracy.

The two most recent disastrous panics in the United States are typical of all the others, and will serve our purpose. In 1873 the first object was the demonetization of silver, and that advertisement in THE PROGRESSIVE was accomplished. The millions were made poorer, and many fairly well off were ruined, financially. Prices have gone down gradually but surely. But that papic appeared to diminish, and while it was doing so the plutocrats be came millionaires, some of them many the track, before me lies the dark valley | times over. In 1878 silver was partially restored and everything possible done to lull the millions into fancied secur ity. The people became more energetic and actually believed that the country was prospering. Cities, towns, factories and railroads multiplied and grew as they never had before. The papers told the people that they were making wonderful progress. The people believed it. The farms yielded ample supplies for all who had to buy there was no cause for the panic; it was artificial.

In 1893 the bankers and other bond holders brought on another panic. The whole country was full of farm products. The cities and manufacturing towns were full of consumers. There was no reason why prices of products should not be reasonable. Again silver, that had been partially restored, was demonetized. Silver was not so much in the way, but plutocracy wanted more bonds and they are getting them; plu tocracy wanted wages reduced and We have received the first number | they have done it; wanted more factories and railroads for one third or one half their value, and they are get to beggary and thousands double and treble their wealth in a year.

After the storm comes the calm that we can't help ourselves. Failures are not so numerous, the people are ad whip of their master. Now the danger is that too many will be deceived again, be lulled to sleep by these false doctrine teachers and act the fool again. If plutocracy gets another chance at us, if we do not throw off the yoke now, we will not have an other chance. The next "panic" will be the crowning drama in this tragedy of human greed, and our national destruction will be quicker and more disastrous than the fall of Rome.

Mr. L. C. Caldwell, of Statesville, who has been accused of Populistic leanings, says he is not a Populist, but Cleveland. That may be true, and yet We have given our friends fair notice he may lack a good deal of being a good that they must whack up if they get enough Democrat to be a Populist, this paper. Names are coming off our Pray, brother Caldwell; pray without

## THREE MECHANICAL WONDERS.

moved from Chicago to New York and | could not run these fast trains without tower, built for the Paris Exposition, go, so to speak. Strange that passenwas the first of these remarkable mechanical wonders. It was built of steel and was one thousand feet high, higher as fast time as possible on that account than any other structure in the world. alone. The Ferris wheel is 264 feet high, 254 in diameter. It is built of steel, the railroad schedules on these subsidized axle is 45 feet long, 35 inches in diameter, costing \$35,000. The entire wheel coach, and when all are filled, holds respect for the former than the latter. about 2,160 persons. At the World's in favor of government ownership. As Things are quiet in South Carolina. Fair 50 cents were charged for a ride

The third wonder has been conmilitia will be thoroughly re-organized. position to open there next month. It pense.

is called the "Castle in the Air." The castle will be held several hundred feet high with six immense balloons. The building is to be constructed out of steel tubes, bamboo, aluminum and other light materials. Elevators will run from the ground to the "castle," which will hold 150 people at one time.

### SENATOR VANCE IS DEAD.

Senator Zebulon B. Vance died at his home in Washington City at 10:45 Saturday night. His health had been bad for years, and during the past few months he had suffered greatly from rheumatism and an enlargement of the liver. Recently he went to Florida and was apparently benefited. He returned to Washington some three weeks ago, but had not been able to resume his work in the Senate. About noon Satturday he suffered a stroke of appoplexy and was not conscious again until a few minutes before the end

Senator Vance was a politician in every sense of the word, but few were as honest as he. His friends were found among every class. He had admirers in all parties. Like al men with convictions and ability, and made mistakes. When he raised his voice in the Senate chamber it was generally for the right. His votes were seldom, if ever, recorded in favor of a bad measure. If all our repsentatives were made of the same material our country would have escaped some of the horrors of plutocratic rule. When we measure his intellect, influence and apparent desire to create better conditions, we often wonder why we don't see more results. But we all fall short of what we might attain.

Senator Vance was born May 13th, 1830, and if he had lived to his next birthday he would have been 64 years old. He was born in Buncombe county and was educated at Washington Col-North Carolina, He was elected to the legislature in 1852, and to the United States House of Representatives in 1858. In 1862, he was elected Gover nor, and was re elected in 1864. In 1870, he was elected to the United States Senate, but was not allowed to take his seat, and resigned in January, 1872. In 1876 he was for the third time elected Governor. He was elected to the Senate and took his seat on the 4th of March, 1879. In 1884, he was re elected, as he was in 1890. So he was elected Governor thrice and United States Senator four times.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon in the Senate Chamber. The remains will arrive in Raleigh to day at The Council of State requested the family to allow the body interred in Oakwood Cemetery, Raleigh, but the burial will take place at Asheprominent Raleigh citizens will form a part of the funeral cortege, which will consist mainly of Senators and Con-

#### ----FAST MAIL SUBSIDIES.

Since 1878 the government has paid many hundreds of thousands of dollars for "fast mail" service on various roads, mostly Eastern. The first year \$150,000 were appropriated for this purpose. In 1883 \$600,000 were appropriated for this purpose. The sums have varied greatly, and somebody ought to explain why it is so much more was paid some years than others. For the present year Eastern trunk lines will receive the following amounts: Pennsylvania, from New York to Philadelphia, \$11,331.20 Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore, Philadelphia to Washington, \$17,191.25; Richmond & Danville. from Washington to Atlanta, \$81, 286 25; Atlanta & West Point, \$10, 790.00; Western & Alabama, \$10,800.00; Louisville & Nashville, \$39,840.00; total, \$171,238.75.

Now what is this for? The claim is that by paying these large subsidies mail started at New York can be delivered in New Orleans in about 39 The wonderful Ferris wheel will be hours. It is stated that the railroads remain there permanently. The Eiffel the subsidies. Money makes the train gers are not considered. It does seem that the railroads would want to make

The government even arranges the roads. Did you know that? It is true. All the passenger trains running between New York and New Orleans, except locals, that carry mail, run according to schedules arranged in the

There is in this a powerful argument it is, Congressmen friendly to railroad Vest, McPherson, Voorhees, Gorman lines get the appropriations and the government not only pays the railroads exorbitant rates for hauling the mail, but pays hundreds of thousands to get the trains to run "just a little faster." Government ownership would put the passengers and mail there as quick at from one-half to two thirds the ex-

## BE NOT DECEIVED.

SETTION OF REAL PROPERTY.

In the issue of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER dated March 15th, 1892, we find the following, written by Col. L. L. Polk: "Let the people be not deceived. The free and unlimited coinage of silver is right. It is one of the demands of the Alliance. Silver was demonetized through stealthy fraud. It was a great and heinous wrong. It is one of the prominent demands of the With the House prostituting all its Democratic party, as it has declared time and again in its platforms and for years through its press and public speakers." Col. Polk stood then exactly where his paper now stands-for the free and unlimited coinage of silver. But has the Democratic party carried out its promise? No; it has change? gone the other way.

An association of New York business men who employ about 20,000 boys have determined to give preference to boys who do not smoke cigarettes. They hold that inveterate smokers of what has been appropriately termed "coffin screws" are not safe employes for any kind of business. Good. Let every business man in the country do

#### MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCES

In the large cities it is not unusual for even prominent men to disappear suddenly without apparent cause. Their friends advertise, employ detec tives and use every means to find out what became of them. Sometimes they commit suicide by drowning or otherwise. Years afterward others may be found safe and sound, but still unable to tell why they left home and friends. They frequently return after wandering around for a long time. Persons disappearing as though the earth had swallowed them up, get away without leaving any traces. How or why they act in such a manner cannot be exlege, Tenn., and at the University of plained. The number grows as the

years go by. Some three weeks ago Mr. C. E. Crabtree. of Durham, disappeared in this way. He has been a book keeper for years. Once before he left home, but turned up in Fayetteville. His accounts are found correct. His home life has been pleasant, and he was get ting a good salary. There is no ap parent cause for his leaving home. All efforts to find him have been in vain. It is a species of insanity, but the victim is shrewd enough to hide his identity and escape detection.

LATER.—It is reported that Mr. Crabtree has been found near Durham, and that he is crazy.

11 a. m. and lie in state until 4 p. m. THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER has always encouraged the literary talent of the State. A number of good poetry and prose writers have graced our columns. "Frostbitten," a poem on our ville on Wednesday. A delegation of 5th page, is an appropriate subject now, and was written by one of the fairest of the many fair young ladies in the State.

## A DEN OF GAMBLERS.

For the past month or more the New York World and Herald have been making grave charges against the Senate of the United States as a whole and some of its members in particular. The World says:

"The sugar trust owns the majority of the Senate. Its attorneys on the Democratic side are Hill, Smith, Gor man, White, of 'California, the Louis iana Senators, and Brice. These men have boldly asserted that no bill which the trust does not approve can pass the Senate. They have said this in so many words."

It says further:

"The sugar lobby does not intend. apparently, to abandon the field until the bill goes to conference. It is not so certain, that the sugar schedule will pass the Senate in its present shape, and the sugar lobby purposes to remain here to protect the concession the trust has obtained. Mr. Havemeyer has left the city temporarily, but Mr. Searles is at the Shoreham. While Mr. Havemeyer was at the Arlington all the Senatorial speculators flitted in and out of his parlors and had repeated conferences with him. Mr. Havemeyer paid little attention to details, which were entrusted to Mr. Searles. What these 'details' were may be imagined from the result of the finance committee's action. Mr. Searle's parlors are on the sixth floor of the Shoreham, and are divided into three rooms, advantageously situated to receive callers who might not wish to be seen."

Similar clippings could be taken from a score of leading dailies, and yet Sen ator Peffer's resolution to investigate the matter was voted down and no one has dared to renew it. Senators Brice. and many others are openly declared to be in this gambling conspiracy, and no one seems inclined to call them to an account for such infamous conduct, This august body of men, this most important branch of the greatest government on earth, stands charged by the it out.

public press as being a den of gamblers and public plunderers, and have not under such grave accusations dcmanded an investigation, and thereby sought like honest men to rid themselves and the people whom they rep

resent of this odium. Under such conditions the Senate is rapidly losing the respect and confi dence of the people and is becoming a byword and an object of suspicion. efforts for political position, spending all its time in formulating political combinations to insure re elections, and the Senate putting up schemes to assist the stock gamblers of Wall street in whose profits many of them are partners, is it not time for a radical

It is said that Oliver Cromwell made the following speech when he dissolved the English Parliament in 1653. It is applicable to the United States Senate:

"It is high time for me to put an end

to your sitting in this place, which ye have dishonored by your contempt of all virtue and defiled by your practice of every vice. Ye are a factious crew and enemies to all good government. Ye are a pack of mercenary wretches and would, like Esau, sell your country for a mess of pottage, and like Judas, betray your God for a few pieces of money. Is there a single virtue now remaining among you? Is there one vice ye do not possess? Ye have no more religion than my horse. Gold is your God. Which of you have not bartered away your conscience for bribes? Is there a man among you that hath the least care for the good of the commonwealth? Ye sordid prostitutes, have ye not defiled this sacred place and turned the Lord's temple into a den of thieves? By your immoral principles and wicked practices ye have grown intolerably odious to the whole nation. You who were deputed here by the people to get their grievances redressed, are yourselves become their greatest grievance. Your country, therefore, calls upon me to cleanse this Augean stable by putting a final period to your iniquitous proceedings in this house, and which, by God's help and the strength He hath given me, I have now come to do. I command you, therefore, upon peril of your lives, to depart immediately out of this place. Go, get you out. Make haste. Ye venal slaves, begone! Take away that shining bauble there and lock the door."

A few days ago, at Charlotte, a Carolina Central train ran over and killed Sarah Flanagan, an employee of the Ada cotton mill, This occurred at 4:25 p. m. At the same hour and minute, almost to a second, the west-bound passenger train killed a negro named Tom Williams near Monroe. The same road, same day, same hour, two per sons were killed. Rather a remarkable coincidence.

## HIS LAST EDITORIAL.

The last editorial matter prepared for this paper by Col. Polk was in reference to the resignation of the paper as organ of the State Alliance, after the State Executive Committee at tempted proscription. We make the press wires would melt if a truthful refollowing extract: "THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER was the first to raise the Alli ance banner in North Carolina. Of its devotion and loyalty to the cause, its record must speak. It has kept fully abreast with the great educational movement which has taught the people of the sources of the wrongs, the evils and the outrageous oppressions which have brought them face to face with bankruptcy and ruin.

"It has stood by the people in an honest and persistent effort to obtain relief and justice through the two little stump campaigners to get them dominant political parties. It has seen these parties openly violate their pledges and repeatedly betray the interests of the people. It has utterly trying to get money to hold a session despaired of any relief or any honest of the Federal Court at Statesville. effort at relief at the hands of these parties."

## YOUR MANHOOD.

"Your manhood, your honesty and everything will be tested this year. We are going to bend parties to fit principles hereafter. If no man in the country will stand with me I will stand alone for the Alliance principles."-From a speech made by Col. Polk at Charlotte, March 22d, 1892.

That was before the campaign opened. We all know his prophecy came true. Many fell by the wayside but now wish their manhood had been stronger.

The following is a puzzle and is printed for the benefit of those who stop the paper without settling up, and who get mad about some things they see in the paper that they don't like. Take the year you were born in and by any honest man or paper in any add your age to it; then multiple it he add your age to it; then multiply it by 1,000; then subtract 678,423 from the result. Take the number left and correspond them with the letters in the alphabet and you will get the answer to the puzzle. The letters will spell something used in the last campaign, and also size you up exactly. Figure

A CAUCUS DECIDES IN FAVOR OF A QUORUM.

Senator Hill Makes a Republican Speech - Peffer Talks Tariff Without Mincing Words-Breckenridge Case Nearly Ended---Coxey's Army---Walter Henry

[Special Cor. PROGRESSIVE FARMER.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 14, '94, The Democrats in the House held a caucus for four hours yesterday, try. ing to fix upon some plan to get and keep a quorum. After much discus. sion, a rule was adopted by a vote of 88 to 44. When a member is absent hereafter, unless sick or detained by very important business, he will be required to forfeit the per diem for every day he is absent—that is, if the House adopts the rule. But if they don't do better in the future than in the past, it would be better that no quorum be secured at any time.

Senator Hill is throwing away his chances for future political preferment by making Republican speeches on the tariff bill. Some think he may have an eye on the Republican nomination for the Presidency. New York cannot expect to get another so called Demo. cratic tyrant in soon, and she wants the President. Hill would make a very good Republican tyrant-just as good a one as Cleveland.

The public are indebted to Senator Peffer for his expose of the Wilson fraud known as the tariff bill. He has punctured it on every side. Yesterday

"I am ready for free trade," he said. "If the rest of you are; but as long as my neighbors claim protection for manufacturers I shall claim protection for the products of the farm. I am opposed to the bill now before us because it discriminates against the people I represent, because it removes the duty from the farmers wool while retaining it on the manufacturer's cloth, and because, while I favor the income tax as a good step in that direction, this bill does not go far enough. The bill, taken as a whole, I do not regard as any improvement on the law now in force. and as to wool and sugar it is much

"If this is the best sample of a tariff bill that the Democrats can give us, I will wait until the Populist come into power. How many votes will be cast upon the final passage of the bill will depend on what changes are made in the meantime."

In a few days the world will know what will be done with Miss Pollard for seducing the brave Kentucky Colonel, or vice versa. It is getting very prosy now, and the sensational appetite finds but little to feed upon.

The reported arrest of the "advance guard" of Coxey's army here is probably a myth, sent out to frighten prospective recruits. It was telegraphed here that a detachment of forty-one tramps would arrive in the city on the 7th. A squad of police were sent out to arrest them. This they did. The associated press, of course, told that it was a part of the army. The associated port were started.

Walter Henry's nomination for the Curaçoa consulate was confirmed by the Senate some days ago, but Walter is out on a strike. He wants to roost high. The small sum of \$2,500 per annum, with privilege to engage in business, is not enough for the Royal Walter. He thinks he could make more than that on a little hilly farm with a blind mule. My private opinion is that the Democratic party will have to promise to make a Czar out of all to spout hereafter.

Marshal Allison and District Attorney Glenn were here during the week Uncle Sam has consorted with Wall street until he is about out of money and credit, too. I expect he will have to execute a mortgage on the National Capitol one of these days to pay current expenses for another month or two. DAVY CROCKETT.

CERTAINLY THE COUNTRY WILL

The Durham Globe asks this question: "Would the country give any body or anything at Washington a vote of confidence just now?" Certainly. What is the matter with Stewart, Allen, Peffer, Sibley, Simpson, Pence and a dozen other true reform men? They have introduced nothing but good bills and voted against the bad ones. Nine-tenths of the people are ready to endorse such men ten times a day. Just point out a single adverse criticism of these men party, if you please. We believe the editor of the Globe is an honest young man, and while he differs with the Sen ators and Congressmen mentioned in party name, we hardly think he had their records in mind, or that he can find a flaw in their conduct.